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Dear Ms Billington,

In spite of well organized majority opposition to the NCWA plan to institutionalize integration of the Sacramento Valley aquifer system (particularly the lower Tuscan formation) into the state water supply through lucrative conjunctive use, despite the FACT that the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (SVIRWM) Implementation Proposal scored poorly in the grant review process, this plan continues to rise from the dead like a water vampire.

I have talked with hundreds of Sacramento Valley residents who agree with me that the State should not fund or partially fund the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (SVIRWM) Implementation Proposal. The majority of the implementation projects are detrimental to Butte County's residents, economy, and the environment (20+ production wells tapping into the aquifer). The SVIRWM Plan was developed without full input from the entities that will be most impacted by the projects and strategies, such as the cities of Chico and Oroville, as well as those with private wells, and the public at large.

David Guy and his Northern California Water Association (NCWA) and its Joint Powers Authority (JPA) do not represent Butte County nor does the SVIRWM Plan represent the public's interest.

One reason the NCWA plan scored poorly with the public and the agencies is that the SVIRWM Plan failed to provide an accurate assessment of the existing conditions of the aquifer, surface and subsurface hydrologic flow processes, and estimates of conditions under prolonged droughts. Until this level of analysis is conducted, funding the preliminary projects that are necessary for extraction and storage projects is premature at best and will likely cause permanent damage to the groundwater that will be impossible to assess early enough to reverse.

Jim Brobeck